

School Street Farmers Market Rules and Regulations

Market Operations

1. The School Street Farmer's Market will operate on Fridays in the School Street parking lot.
2. The market begins June 5 and ends October 30.
3. Hours of the market are 2pm-6pm.
4. A prospective member must submit an application to GAD for consideration.
5. All vendors will follow the instructions of the Market Manager (GAD). On market day, the Market Manager's decision on any dispute will be final.
6. Stand placement and assignment shall be proposed by the Market Manager for approval by vendors. Placement shall be considered permanent throughout the market season, unless absences require consolidation of the market. Changes can be made upon agreement of the involved members and the Market Manager.

VENDOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Vendors must pay state sales taxes or business license fees.
2. Vendors must meet all requirements and submit any fees required by the Nashua Health Department.
3. There will be a \$50 fee for membership in the School Street Farmers' Market.
4. Vendors are expected to be present at all markets for which they sign up. Any vendor unable to do so must contact the Market Manager at least 24 hours before the market opens. If a vendor fails to so notify the Market Manager any vendor who is absent without calling may lose his stall space or have his membership reconsidered at the discretion of the Steering Committee.³
5. Vendors are expected to be ready to sell at opening time on market day, but make no sales before opening time. Vendors are expected to stay until the end of the market.
6. Vendors must not consistently price products far below profitable levels. After the start of the market, vendors may not lower prices.
7. Vendors must be sure all prices are clearly visible by the buyer.
8. Stands are to be kept hazard-free, reasonably attractive, and activities should be fair to neighboring stands.

9. Trash and litter around the stand from any source is to be taken home by the vendor and the stand should be left in broom clean condition by ½ hour after the market closes.

10. Members will not be allowed to employ expelled members of the Downtown Farmers' Market at the market or at a market function.

11. Vendors need to state their decision to participate the next year by the date determined by the Steering Committee.

12. Each vendor will be responsible for setting up, displaying and packaging his goods, and for providing protection from the elements.

13. There will be no smoking by vendors while vending.

14. High pressure tactics may not be used by vendors to sell their products.

15. Vendors may not bring dogs to the market.

16. Vendors are required to wear shoes and shirt.

17. Members must sign up in advance for each week they plan to vend. They will be expected to pay for those weeks whether or not they are present. They can add weeks later if space is available. Those who sign up for every week the market is open, pay and are present for all markets (the entire season) shall receive a discount of \$1.00 per week on their vendor fee.

18. Each vendor must have at least \$500,000 of general liability insurance listing as co-insured whoever is required.¹

MARKET GOODS

1. The following products can be sold at the farmers' market, 100% NH grown: vegetables, herbs, bedding plants, baked goods, canned goods, chicken eggs, dairy products, hay, straw, fruits, fruit baskets, cider, ornamental produce, potted plants, preserves, cut and dried flowers, honey, hive products, maple syrup, plant arrangements, coffee and crafts. All crafts must be made from high quality materials and display good workmanship and taste. All food proposed for the market must be cleared by the Nashua Health Dept.

2. Vendors must grow on their farm at least 75% of the produce they sell at the market. (If vendors are unable to meet market demand, GAD may decide to change this number to meet the demands of a given market year.) Baked goods, jams, jellies, and similar prepared foods may be sold if prepared by the vendor (**commercial kitchens only**). Any product not raised or produced by the vendor must be labeled accordingly and predominantly displayed.

3. Approximately 60% of the vendors at the market will sell agricultural farm products as the primary product. No more than 40% of the vendors may sell baked goods, preserves, crafts and the like as their primary product. The Steering Committee may vote to change this number to meet the demands of a given market year.

4. Produce that is labeled “certified organic” must be from a crop that is certified organic by USDA.
5. Vendors must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, such as:
 - a. Approval seal on weighing devices;
 - b. Pesticide license and safe use;
 - c. Participation in mandatory commodity orders of Ag commodities; and
 - d. Food safety, sanitation, health permits, and labeling issues that apply to the item.
6. No solicitors, collection drives, or manufactured products (including printed materials) by outside organizations or individuals will be permitted in the vending area.
7. Vendors and their employees shall be truthful when questioned by customers. They should know how old the produce is.
8. Live animals will not be sold at the market.
9. Any animals used for display must be handled and cared for in a humane manner.

I have read and agree to the terms stated above.

Print name

Signature

Farm

Date